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## The Story of a Family of Thieves—How Immense Robberies were Committed

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A correspondent of the Philadelphia  
Press, writing from H. Hill, 105 E. B.

"One of the most important trials took place in our Criminal Court during the last week that the people of this section have ever witnessed. The charge was larceny; the persons indicted were John J. Ruppel and Eddie his wife, Lillian E. Ruppel."

Burkholder, Lydia his wife; Julia, Lavinia and Mary Pawk, his daughters; and Henry, Thomas Perry and Norval Hawk, sons and sons-in-law. The trial lasted three days, and resulted in a conviction of all the defendants except Perry Burkholder and his mother.

The charge was for stealing a large amount of goods shipped in the cars of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. The head of this delectable family was a well-to-do farmer and horse speculator, living four miles east of Altoona, in this county. His daughter, Mary Hawk, and her husband, Norgel Hawk, in October, November, D.

John Hawk, in October, November, December, 1864, and January, 1865, resided in Altoona. Margaret Burkholder, not then married to John Bishop Cozzen Ware, was a frequent visitor at her sister's, and here was planned this gigantic system of robbery.

tion of a freight car key, which was broken, but by filing answered the purpose. During the last three months of 1864, immense quantities of goods were missing from the cars, and no one was suspected. The goods were carried to Hawk's, there divided, and the share of Leister, Ed. Tait,

carried to their mother and two brothers, Henry and Thomas, down into the country to their home, on horseback, in the carriage and in sleds. On December 31st, Ware and Margaret were married. The cars of the railroad company furnished them with an outfit for housekeeping.

The stock of Mr. Krause, from Pottstown, Montgomery county, was pilfered, and great quantities of towels, carpets, slippers, silk dresses and shawls taken by this woman from the cars, his goods having been shipped for Indiana, Pa. John J. Burkholder was opposed to this match.

"Things went on swimmingly until, in March of this year, traces of missing goods were obtained, and the result was the discovery of about a thousand dollars' worth of goods at Hawk's and Ware's. This being but a mite of the amount missing led to the suspicion that some were concerned.

at Burkholder's. Ware having been arrested, he told them where it might be hid, and as the search continued, great packages of goods were found hidden in the haymow, in the cellar, under the potatoes, in and about the outhouse, and everywhere that goods could or would be hidden.

Lamps and oil cans of the railroad company were found in the possession of Burkeholder, and stolen goods were found in every part of the house—in the chests, and trunks of the girls, and even upon the persons of the boys. It was impossible to convict all the defendants without the for-

"John J. Burkholder owns a large farm, and was in no necessity of resorting to this mode of making a living. The trial was doubly impressive, inasmuch as it is the practice in this judicial district under the

charged with the commission of a felony. It was a strange and painful family reunion—eight persons, from the grayheaded grandfather to the youngest son of fourteen years of age."

A correspondent of the New York Herald, writing from Fortress Monroe, says: Jeff. Davis shows pluck and lives hopelessly. His chief torments are now bores, and his chief source of amusement reading "Bancroft's History of the United States." By the way, the whole fort library has been

ly been opened to him ; so he has all the reading, and good matter, too, he chooses. He expects soon to be called to trial, but no notification of the fact has yet reached him; nor has there been any late correspondence with any of his counsel. He has a large, airy room, good attendance, a good

ire, and with his daily walks and privileges of reading and correspondence, and the excellent meals furnished him, fares more like a lord than a prisoner. There is now no guard stationed in his room as formerly.

aid: 'I am told that ye might roll Eng-  
land thru it an' it woudn't make a dint in  
the ground;—there's fresh water oceans  
inside, that ye might drown ould Ireland;  
an, as for Scotland, ye might stick it in a  
corner, an' ye'd niver at all be able to find  
it out, except it might be by the smell of

Bad men are never completely happy, although possessed of everything that this world can bestow; and good men are ever completely miserable, although deprived of all that the world can take away.

Ned Shuter thus explained his reasons for preferring to wear stockings with holes to having them darned:

"A hole," said he, "may be the accident of a day, and will pass upon the best gentleman, but a darn is premeditated robbery."

Some men, who, as private citizens, walk erect and free in the pride of conscious manhood, seem able to move only upon all fours when they are seeking for office.

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